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§1.56, Applicant submits herewith the following Information Disclosure Statement in  
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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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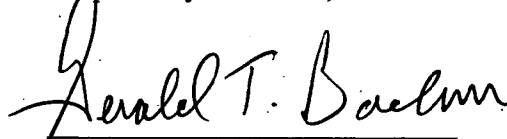
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The above-referenced documents are listed on PTO Form 1449. We have enclosed the cited documents to facilitate reference to them.

English abstracts (i.e., Patent Abstracts of Japan) are submitted herewith for each of the documents listed. Full English translations of the Japanese patent documents are also included.

Applicant is not aware of any other references to be identified at this time. If the Examiner has any questions or comments relating to the present application, he or she is respectfully invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number set forth below. If any additional fees are due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 502335. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed for that purpose.

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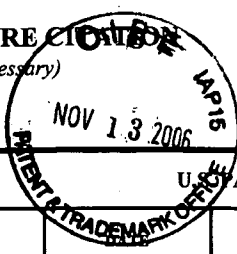


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